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Illinois State Police Arrests Joliet Man for Felony DUI After Woman Killed in Crash

CHANNAHON – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 Special Agents arrested 36-year-old Timothy A. Waldvogel of Joliet, IL, following a fatal crash in Will County earlier this year.

On April 5, 2026, at approximately 3:14 a.m., ISP Troopers responded to a crash on I-55 southbound just south of Bluff Road in Channahon. Waldvogel was driving a Dodge Challenger southbound near Bluff Road and struck the rear of a gray Mazda. The driver of the Mazda, 26-year-old Melissa E. Prosser of Bourbonnais, IL, was transported to an area hospital and pronounced deceased. Waldvogel and his passenger were transported to an area hospital with injuries.

On October 28, 2026, ISP presented the case to the Will County State's Attorney's Office, and an arrest warrant was issued for two counts of Aggravated DUI Causing Death (Class 2 Felony) and two counts of Reckless Homicide (Class 3 Felony). On October 29, 2026, Special Agents located Waldvogel and took him into custody. He was processed and released pending his first court appearance.



Timothy A. Waldvogel (M/35)

The charges are not evidence against the defendant, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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